

## Sisters' S. C. E.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I am now in the Old Dominion, on my mission. Since my report of the entire list of societies, a card from sister Bessie Perry informs me that there is an earnest little band of C. E. workers at Clear Creek, Ind., with sister Anna Brown as president. We are only too glad to hear it. If there are others missed please inform us, as we want the list complete.

I came to Virginia on Friday, Feb. 22, presented the S. S. C. E. interests that night, and before leaving, organized a society of about twenty-five members. As they have no young people's organization at Maurertown, the S. S. C. E., will hold both work meetings and devotional meetings. This we believe every society should do; especially so if they do not have K. C. or other young people's work. Mrs. Z. C. Copp was chosen as their president, and as she has had experience in the work in California, we feel sure that the Maurertown society will be a success.

From Maurertown, I went to St. Luke, and though the roads were almost impassable at places, we had a crowded house each night. There with the help of Brother Shaver, we organized a society of eighteen members, with sister Vernie Haun as president. They too will hold work meetings and devotional meetings. Having wide awake, earnest workers for officers we bespeak for them abundant success.

From St. Luke, I went to New Market, at the request of brother Simon Fogel and gave them one service. There are just a few members there, but Brother Shaver expects to give them a meeting in the near future, and it is hoped their number will be multiplied many times.

I am now at Quicksburg at the hospitable home of brother Samuel Wine. Here Brother Shaver recently organized a church, and here last night I presented the purpose of the S. S. C. E. to a crowded house, and secured the names of sixteen persons willing to become Christian Endeavorers. To-night I expect to preach here, and then organize them. May God's blessing rest upon the work. May he help us all to be really and truly *Christian Endeavorers*.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.  
Mapleville, Md.

### FROM SOUTH BEND, IND.

Miss Grossnickle organized an S. S. C. E. here in Dec. I believe our membership is twenty-six, and we hope soon to increase the number. We meet at the church every two weeks on Sunday even-

ings and hold public services. We aim to give literary and musical programmes, interspersed with scripture studies and consecration meetings. Our services are well attended, collections good, and prospects encouraging. The members are willing to do all they can, and are anxious for success. We have appointed special committees for special lines of work, and we expect them to do their duty. When we are able to receive employment we meet once a week to sew, and we are making considerable money in that way. Our members are paying their membership fee, and we expect to make our remittance to national treasurer promptly on the first of April. We congratulate the Johnstown S. S. C. E. upon their excellent line of work, and upon the material of which they must be composed.

MRS. H. HELEN FRAME.

## The Sunday-School.

### LESSON XI.—MARCH 17.

BY THE EDITOR.

The Sunday-school lesson for March 17, is taken from the narrative which relates the story of Jesus and Zaccheus the Publican recorded in Luke 19:1-10. Those desiring to follow the connection of these lessons should read, Matt. 20:1-34; Mark 10:28-52; Luke 18:31-43. The story of Zaccheus the Publican is recorded by Luke only. It is not the purpose of this department to give an exegesis of the text, but rather an application of the various truths taught in the lesson.

#### LESSONS FROM ZACCHEUS.

1. Zaccheus was (1) a publican; (2) rich; little of stature. These were hindrances to his coming to Jesus. There are always some things in the way of one who wants to find Jesus. We should never be discouraged because of these hindrances or difficulties. An earnest seeker will always overcome them if he persists in doing what is right. Nothing could discourage Zaccheus. He *wanted* to see Jesus, and he *did* see him. So will all who seek him as earnestly as did Zaccheus. Have you sought Jesus? Have you found him?—Why not? Whose fault is it? Perhaps you have not sought him with your whole heart and in humbleness of soul. There is no case on record where any one has sought Jesus with sincerity of heart who did not find him. He is seeking you now.

2. This was Zaccheus' only opportunity. Jesus never came that way again. If he had not seized this chance, he would never have found Jesus. Such opportunities come to all of us—both to be saved and to do good. Think what Zaccheus

would have missed had he failed to seize the opportunity which then and there presented itself. An opportunity lost, may return again, but letting the opportunity go by without heeding it has caused you to lose infinitely greater ones which would have come to you as a result of using the present one.

3. Zaccheus furnishes a good illustration of a true conversion. Let us see what he did: (1.) He was *obedient*. He did just what Christ told him to do. So must we do if we would be rewarded. Obedience is one of the earliest evidences of a truly penitent soul. (2.) He obeyed *promptly*. "Made haste." He did not hesitate, or question as to whether he should obey at all or not. This is the only safe way to do. The time to accept God's word and obey is *now*. (3.) He received Jesus *joyfully*. So will every one who is truly converted. (4.) He was *charitable*. He was ready to give of his goods to the poor, even unto the half. His conversion had reached his pocket-book. This is the only kind of conversion that is recognized by the Lord. Genuine conversion touches and transforms the whole man. (5.) He made *restitution*. He was willing, not only to make right what he had done wrong, but do it fourfold.

4. Not only did Zaccheus seek Jesus but Jesus was seeking him, and sought him first. He seeks the lost sinner in this world of darkness. He has sought you. For this purpose Jesus came into the world—to seek and save the lost.

### A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I am out of debt, and thanks to the Dish Washer business for it. In the past five weeks I have made over \$500, and I am so thankful that I feel like telling everybody, so that they can be benefitted by my experience. Anybody can sell Dish Washers because everybody wants one, especially when it can be got so cheap. I believe that in two years from now every family will have one. You can get full particulars by addressing the Iron City Dish Washer Co., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa., and you can't help but make money in this business. I believe that I can clear over \$3,000 the coming year, and I am not going to let such an opportunity pass without improvement. We can't expect to succeed without trying. MRS. B.

SUFFER not your thoughts to dwell on the injury you have received or the provoking words that have been spoken to you. Not only learn the art of neglecting them at the time you receive them, but let them grow less and less every moment, until they die out of your mind.

It is not calling your neighbors names that settles a question.